**Interest shown by Foreign Companies in Solar Photovoltaic Industry**

@3018. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some foreign companies have shown an active interest in the Indian Solar Photovoltaic Industry;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the names of the foreign companies which have shown interest in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the licensing norms had been eased recently for manufacturing Solar Photo-voltaic cells by the FERA companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Yes, Madam. Foreign companies which have shown interest in the Indian photovoltaic industry in the past include Photowatt of France, BP Solar of U.K., Telefunken Technic of the Federal Republic of Germany, Helios Technology of Italy, Solapac of Canada, and Astropower, Chronar Corporation, Energy conversion Devices and Solec of USA.

(c) and (d) The Statement on Industrial Policy which was laid on the table of the House on July 24, 1991 according to which licensing has been abolished for FERA companies, subject to the conditions stated therein, is also applicable to the solar photovoltaic industry.

@Previously Unstarred Question 2396, transferred from the 12th March, 1992.

**Southern States neglected in Generation of Power**

3019. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Southern States have been neglected in the power sector for generation of electricity for a long time; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the total power production in the country, only 25 per cent installed capacity, is being planned through the southern states are imposing power cuts for various industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Out of a total capacity of 66066.01 MW in the country as on 31st March, 1991, about 16,675.52 MW (25.24%) is in operation in the Southern Region.

Growth of power sector in a Region depends on various factors such as the extent of industrialisation, investment by the State Governments in power projects, availability of resources and other inputs and demand for power etc. Power to various consumers in the States is regulated by the State Governments on the basis of requirement and availability of energy. The gap in the demand and availability of power is met by the respective States by imposing power cuts and peak period restrictions.

**दिल्ली में विद्युत शुल्क की दरें**

3020. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या **विद्युत और गैर-पारंपरिक ऊर्जा स्रोत** मंत्री 10 मार्च, 1992 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 1989 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इस समय दिल्ली में बिजली की प्रति यूनिट कितनी दर प्रभारित की जा रही है; और

(ख) दिल्ली में बिजली की घरेलू खपत और पावर की खपत के लिए प्रति यूनिट दरों का अलग-अलग ब्यौरा क्या है?